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**Inquiry:** (1) Is it legal in California for an unlicensed person to do complete pulmonary function testing? (2) Is it legal in California for a licensed RCP to train an unlicensed person to do complete pulmonary function testing?

**Response:** The RCB classifies the tasks you listed as follows:

- (1) Pulmonary Function Testing: Classification 3B, which is nearly verbatim from the Respiratory Care Practice Act (RCPA) and prohibited.
- (2) Training an Unlicensed Person to Perform Complete PFT's: Classification 3B, which is nearly verbatim from the RCPA and prohibited.

Please see Business and Professions Code Section 3702 for more information.

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